AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) An interlabial pad being formed into a substantially elongated shape having a longitudinal direction and a lateral direction and being provided with a size, weight and flexibility such that the pad is pinched and held partially or totally in between the labia without forcing,

wherein said interlabial pad is provided with a body side face orientated to a body side and an opposite side face to the body side orientated to a garment side;

wherein said interlabial pad comprises a mini sheet piece striding from one portion to another portion at each side edge of both side edges taking the longitudinal direction of the interlabial pad as a central axis, and a finger insertion opening formed between the mini sheet piece and said opposite side face to the body side, for directly securing the opening of the fingerbreadth of a wearer;

wherein said mini sheet piece is disposed in a way to cover at least a portion (finger application point) of said opposite side face to the body side corresponding to an area (application point) of said surface side sheet applied to a predetermined position between the labia of the wearer; and

wherein said finger insertion opening serves for guiding a fingertip of the wearer to the application point.

- 2. (Original) The interlabial pad of claim 1, wherein said mini sheet piece is disposed nearer to one end in said longitudinal direction of said interlabial 25 pad.
- 3. (Currently amended) The interlabial pad of claim 1 or 2, wherein said mini sheet piece is disposed on said opposite side face to the body side of

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said interlabial pad in a way to form a pocket shape finger insertion space.

- 4. (Currently amended) The interlabial pad of claim 1 or 2, wherein at least a part of said mini sheet piece is stretchable or elastically extensible at least in respect to said lateral direction of said interlabial pad.
- 5. (Currently amended) The interlabial pad of claim 1 or 2, wherein said mini sheet piece has a bonding portion in a portion striding across said opposite side face to the body side.
- 6. (Currently amended) The interlabial pad of claim 1 or 2, said interlabial pad comprising:
 - a surface side sheet disposed on said body side face of the interlabial pad; and
 - a back side sheet disposed on said opposite side face to the body side,

wherein the surface side sheet and back side sheet are bonded to contain said absorbent body; and

wherein said mini sheet piece and said interlabial pad are bonded at a piece-bonding portion of each side of said both sides of said interlabial pad, the piece-bonding portion being other than a sheet-bonding portion at which said surface side sheet and said back side sheet are bonded.

- 7. (Currently amended) The interlabial pad of claim 1 or 2, wherein said mini sheet piece has a length dimension at least 10 % longer than that of said interlabial pad in said longitudinal direction of said interlabial pad.
- 8. (Currently amended) The interlabial pad of claim 1 or 2, wherein a depth distance from a finger insertion opening in the finger insertion direction

is longer than a length from a fingertip to a second joint of an index or middle finger of an ordinary woman.

- 9. (Currently amended) The interlabial pad of claim 1 or 2, wherein a total circumferential length of an inside of said finger insertion opening is between 30 mm to 120 mm.
- 10. (Currently amended) The interlabial pad of claim 1 or 2, wherein said opposite side face to the body side of said interlabial pad is provided with extremely fine concave and convex.
- 11. (Currently amended) The interlabial pad of claim 1 or 2, wherein an adhesive is applied to a portion of a skin contact surface defined as a portion in contact with a skin of the wearer when said interlabial pad is worn, the skin contact surface being defined on said opposite side face to the body side of said interlabial pad.
- 12. (Currently amended) The interlabial pad of claim 1 or 2, comprising an upheaval area on said body side face, the upheaval area protruding toward the body side at a central portion of the lateral direction of the body side face.
- 13. (Currently amended) The interlabial pad of claim 1 or 2, wherein said opposite side face to the body side of said interlabial pad is made of moisture permeable material.
- 14. (Currently amended) The interlabial pad of claim 1 or 2, wherein said pad being composed of biodegradable material and/or water-soluble material and/or water dispersible material.
- 15. (Currently amended) The interlabial pad of claim 1 or 2, wherein said interlabial pad is an interlabial pad for incontinence.

16. (Currently amended) The interlabial pad of claim 1 or 2, wherein said interlabial pad is an interlabial pad for absorbing vaginal discharge.

17. (Original) An interlabial pad manufacturing method for manufacturing the interlabial pad of claim 5, comprising;

setting longer a pair of wings ordinarily disposed at both side portions of a sanitary napkin; and

bonding said wings to form said mini sheet piece.